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TO (COMPANY): USPTO Examining Group 1775

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for review by Examiner Blackwell-Rudasill and for entry into the application file.**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE**

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of July 28, 2004, applicant submits the following response:

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 44-72 have been placed under a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 in the above-identified Office Action.

SUMMARY OF THE EXAMINER'S POSITION

Specifically, the Examiner has preliminarily identified the following inventions:

Group I., Claims 1-10 and 57-71, drawn to a composite structure.

Group II. Claims 11-25, drawn to a method of making.

Group III. Claims 26-28, drawn to brittle material fine particles.

Group IV. Claims 44-56 and 72, drawn to an apparatus.